



# Toft Hill Primary School



22nd November 2019

## November

Tues 26th—KS1 Christmas Craft Club

Weds 27th—Y6 Safety Carousel, Newton Aycliffe

Weds 27th—KS2 Christmas Craft Club

Thurs 28th —Y2 visit to the Head of Steam, Darlington

Thurs 28th—Y6 parents Lockerbie meeting 3.30pm

## December

Tues 3rd—Christmas jumper swap—3.30pm

Thurs 5th—Christmas Fair—6pm—7.30pm

Tues 10th—Y4 Dance at BB

Thurs 12th—Christmas lunch

Fri 13th—Christmas Jumper Day

Tues 17th—KS1 & YR Christmas Productions 9.30 and 1.30

Weds 18th—KS2 Christmas Productions 9.30 & 1.30

Thurs 19th—whole school visit to Darlington Pantomime

Fri 20th—Parties

Fri 20th—school breaks up for Christmas

## January

Tues 7th—school re-opens for teaching purposes

Mon 27th—31st—Y6 Lockerbie residential

## February

Mon 10th—Fri 14th—Book People book fair at lunchtimes

Fri 14th—School breaks up for half term

Mon 24th—school re-opens for teaching purposes

On Monday Y2 attended a Boccia and Curling carousel with other local schools at Bishop Barrington. For those of you that do not know Boccia is a team game very similar to bowls, you roll a ball towards a jack and whoever is the closest to the jack wins a point for their team. They had a lovely time mixing with the other children and learning new skills.

On Thursday Year 6 visited the Locomotion at Shildon. In history the children have been learning about our local railways and the people that worked on them. They have looked at old census records and maps and have located where in Shildon some of the workers lived.

They were dropped off at Brusselton and walked along the old railway line to the museum, finding some of the houses that they had researched en route. At the museum they took part in an 'Age of Steam' workshop. They learned how steam locomotives work, who were the pioneers and who invented them. After this they had a tour and handled a number of railway objects. The children had a really good day and came back to school with lots of ideas to enhance their topic.

## **Achievers for this week:**

Head Teachers Award: Lewis—Having a brilliant attitude to learning.

R: Arthur—Being kind, friendly and having a positive attitude.

Y1: Lovina-Rose—Great independent work and always giving her best effort.

Y2: Max—Being an excellent representative at the Boccia festival.

Y3: Payton—Hard working mature attitude in class.

Y4: Damian—Fantastic effort to improve his joined handwriting.

Y5: Scarlett—Always having a great attitude towards learning.

Y6: Harry—Demonstrating enthusiasm to learn in his history topic.

Dojos: 25—Cameron, Lovina—Rose, Woody, Dylan, Isla, 40—Finley

Merits: 600—Evie C, Liam, Chloe C

Lunchtime Supervisors Award: Lucy (Y4) - Supportive and helpful with the Reception Class children.

**Attendance: Y3—97.5%**

**Government Target: 96%**

On Friday Y5 attended a Sportshall Athletics tournament with other local schools, also at Bishop Barrington. They took part in a variety of track and field activities where the children are scored individually for each event then the scores are added to form a team result. It was a great afternoon, Mr Dickinson was very proud!

Tickets for the panto at Darlington on 19.12.19 are now on sale. They are £16.00, this includes transport to and from the theatre and admission. You can purchase your child's ticket via ParentPay or in the school office.

A huge thank you to all that have donated towards our Community Food Bank. The response has been phenomenal. Mrs Watson takes all of the food items to The Well in West Auckland where they are distributed to families that are in more need than us. This small gesture really can make some peoples Christmas that little bit extra special. Thank you once again.

As the weather is getting colder, please can you ensure that children attend school with appropriate, warm outdoor clothing. May we also request that it is all named as we already have a number of lost hats and gloves.



Our Christmas fair is fast approaching (5.12.19)! If you would like a table please contact Mrs Tully for details. We would also greatly appreciate any donations towards our tombola and Christmas bag stalls, these can be handed in at the office. Thank you all in advance.